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Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT 14-17; Cricket 700 MHz wireless license

Dear Federal Communications Commissioners,

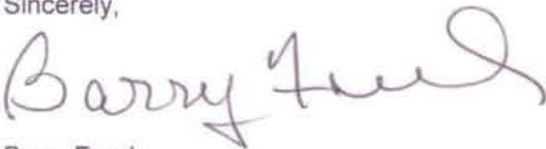
My family has owned this corner bar and restaurant for over 65 years, and we are basically a neighborhood establishment. My father has left me in charge of the majority of business operations these days, so I'm speaking on behalf of our small business that would benefit from greater competition among mobile carriers and better service. Our service has been fine, both at home and here at the business, but we need to make sure that the capability is there to meet the growing demand. It is expected that demand for mobile wireless will grow about 800% before the decade is over. The FCC has the opportunity to relax a regulation preventing Cricket Communications from opening up its licensed broadband spectrum. It should do so.

The obstacle preventing Cricket from utilizing its band of the 700 MHz spectrum is the potential for a few people in the greater Chicago region to experience static when viewing Channel 51 via a DTV antenna. Extensive studies show that some small adjustments, such as re-positioning the equipment or not using a mobile device within a few feet of the antenna should mitigate the problem. It isn't as though the channel will become completely unavailable. This is insignificant in light of the ability for this 10 MHz of spectrum to provide improved service and faster speed for millions of mobile device users in the area.

The low-frequency spectrum would be helpful in all areas, from downtown metros to far-reaching rural communities. This frequency has strong penetration, so dense areas aren't as problematic as on other frequencies, and it can reach outlying areas with fewer towers. This sounds like a benefit to everybody, as far as I'm concerned. It doesn't matter to me which company holds the license to the spectrum; the fact that is available means it should be utilized. The positive outweighs the negative in this instance.

Internet capability is becoming increasingly important in everyday life. Our jukebox and credit card machine rely on a good signal, and the computer programs I use at home for business purposes do as well. Many business people travel and depend on reliable wireless capabilities to keep them plugged in to business matters. This is not going to slow down, and as I pointed out before, it is expected to grow in a big way. It makes sense for the government to back out of the way and let the mobile providers take advantage of the spectrum they hold license to. Allowing more competition makes everybody a better business. I hope your office will allow Cricket to open its spectrum on the broadband wireless network.

Sincerely,



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Owner